

**RULES
OF
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY
MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION**

**CHAPTER 1340-5-1
CULTURAL PLATES**

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1340-5-1-.01 DEFINITIONS.

- (1) As used in these rules, “cultural plates” shall have the meaning provided in *T.C.A. §55-4-301* and shall include “personalized plates” and “college plates” as these terms are defined below:
 - (a) “College plates” shall mean motor vehicle registration plates issued for a passenger motor vehicle or motorcycle, which have a special reference to or identification with or information on a four (4) year college or university within Tennessee, which guarantees a minimum order of at least one hundred (100) such plates. A college plate may also be personalized.
 - (b) “Personalized plates” shall mean motor vehicle registration plates which are issued for a passenger motor vehicle or motorcycle, having on them not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7) for a passenger motor vehicle or not less than three (3) nor more than six (6) for a motorcycle identifying numbers, letters, or a combination thereof, as requested by the owner or lessee of the vehicle to which such registration plates are assigned.

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1340-5-1-.02 PERSONALIZED PLATES.

- (1) All applications for personalized plates shall be submitted to the Motor Vehicle Division by the first day of the month proceeding the expiration date of the current registration. The application shall contain the name and complete residence address of the applicant, the name of the county to which the plates are to be sent, the legend desired thereon, and a second and third choice, if so desired, and the signature of the applicant. A remittance made payable to the Tennessee Department of Safety in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) must accompany each application.
- (2) Approval of applications for personalized plates shall be in accordance with the provisions of *T.C.A. §55-4-301 et seq.* If the applicant’s first choice of legend is not available or acceptable as a personalized plate, then the second and third choices will be considered in that order. In the event none of the three choices are available or acceptable, the application shall be rejected and the applicant so advised by letter giving the reason for its rejection. A claim for refund shall be processed and fees will be refunded. When an application has been formally approved by the Director, the applicant shall be so notified and there shall be no refund made of the application fee.

Authority: *T.C.A. §§55-4-302, 55-4-303, and 55-4-306. Executive Order Number 37. Administrative History: Original chapter 1340-5 transferred from chapter 1320-8 under the authority of Executive Order Number 37 dated June 29, 1990.*

1340-5-1-.03 COLLEGE PLATES.

- (1) Proposals for the issuance of college plates must be made by the college or university referenced and must include a proposed format or design for the plates, which is subject to the approval of the Motor Vehicle Division under the provisions of T.C.A. §55-4-301. Individuals may then submit applications for such college plates.
- (2) Applications for college plates shall be submitted to the Motor Vehicle Division by the first day of the month proceeding the expiration date of their current registration. The application shall contain the name and complete residence address of the applicant, the name of the county to which the plates are to be sent, the college to be referenced, and the signature of the applicant. A remittance made payable to the Tennessee Department of Safety in the amount of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars must accompany each application.
- (3) An applicant may also request that a college plate be personalized. In that case, the application must provide, in addition to the information required by this rule, information required by Rule 1340-5-1-.02. A remittance made payable to the Tennessee Department of Safety in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) must accompany each application for a personalized college plate.
- (4) Approval of applications for college plates shall be in accordance with the provisions of T. C.A. §55-4-301 et seq. In order for any proposed college plate to be issued, the Motor Vehicle Division must receive at least one hundred (100) applications for such plates by September 30 of the year preceding the registration year for which the college plates are to be issued. If at least one hundred (100) applications are not timely received, any applications which have been received shall be returned and any amounts paid refunded.

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1340-5-1-.04 RENEWAL.

All fees payable under these rules upon application for cultural plates shall also be due and payable upon application for renewal of such plates.

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